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Haig Sees No Way to Prevent Americans From Aiding Libya

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 12 — Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. said today that while the United States was "profoundly opposed" to Americans working for the Government of Libya, this is a "free society" and there appeared to be no way the practice could be stopped.

The New York Times has reported that American and other Western pilots and technicians have been recruited by a former Central Intelligence Agency employee to fly and maintain aircraft in Libya, including the servicing of Libyan Air Force planes. Americans have also been reported to have flown transport planes taking Libyan troops and supplies to Chad.

Mr. Haig, testifying before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on the Administration's foreign policy, said that any Americans breaking the law would be prosecuted. But, he added, where they are not violating the law their civil right to take a job, for a large sum of money, should not be effected. It was Mr. Haig's first public comment on the matter.